

## **Friends of the Patterson Library Minutes**

### **May 12, 2025**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Marcie Homer at 1:00 pm in the library conference room.

**Members Present:** Trudy DeGroot, Kathleen Frederick, Gay Girard, Susan Guest, Barbara Hartsell, Sue Henderson, Donald Hess, Marcie Homer, Judy Mullins, Burt Smith, Librarian, Susan Sawyer, and Cecilia Santos-Chavez

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introductions:** Cecilia Santos-Chavez

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting were read. Corrections were made regarding the incorrect spelling of Kathleen Frederick's and Sue Henderson's names. The secretary apologizes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our total operating balance as of April 14, 2025 was \$8329.40. Operating balance as May 12, 2025 is \$9,093.51. The proceeds from the book sale amounted to \$1,537.70. However, there was a merchant service fee from the bank of \$300.71. Marcie has the paperwork and expects to be able to have the money refunded because we are a non-profit organization. Our other expense in the last month was a check to Stanislaus County of \$571.73 for the button maker. In addition to the money from the book sale, we earned \$70.00 in membership fees and \$28.85 from the carousel. Ninety dollars (\$90.00) are now being set aside for the book sale cash box.

**Vice President's Report:** Gay was pleasantly surprised by the many positive comments we received concerning our ability to process credit cards. Marcie summarized foot traffic at the book sale: 154 walk-ins the first day (with 114 patrons purchasing items), 50 the second day, and 52 the last day. Twenty-eight people used charge cards. Gay praised Marcie for doing an excellent job of shopping for the credit card system and making sure the terms and conditions were in place. Gay reported on her attendance at the Library Advisory Board

Meeting on April 24th. She learned that cutbacks of funds for federal programs would also result in cutbacks at the state and county level. For example, money for early childhood development programs in the library may not be available next year. Susan Sawyer stated that library salaries and hours of operation are not funded by the federal government, but they may be affected if the economy takes a dive, and sales tax revenue goes down. Our summer reading program is currently federally funded. Money for this program may need to come from somewhere else next year. Some of our electronic programs such as Cloud Library and Palace may also lose funding. Gay talked to mayor Michael Clauzel. He told her that if the Patterson Library needs funds for specific items, or programs with specific dollar amounts, he might be able to ask for money from generous city donors. Gay urged us to talk to members of the Patterson community whenever possible and make them aware of the library, its programs and its needs. Gay also attended the United Patterson Meeting. Their annual back to school celebration will be held on Saturday, August 2nd from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Gay would like us to participate this year. We would hand out prizes and brochures, and advocate for library funding. Gay made a motion that we participate in the school district's back to school event. Donald seconded. The motion passed.

**Librarian's Report:** Susan stated that Dia De Los Ninos went really well. There were about 143 attendees (106 attended last year.) Children, their families and the people running the information tables all seemed to be pleased. Susan thanked the Friends for funding the snacks for the program. She received our check and submitted an order for the button maker. Summer reading will start on May 20th. This year the children who sign up will receive a book at the start of the program. Last year they received their book at the end of the program. Adults who participate in Summer Reading will also receive a book. The Patterson library continues to do weekly children's activities. There will be a stop motion LEGO program on May 21st, a Digridoo Downunder Program on June 4th, and a Beginner Robotics Program on June 10th at 1:00 pm. Susan would like to add some magazine subscriptions to the library's collection. Two of the candidates are: Scientific American (\$79.00 a year, 10 issues), and a children's magazine, Honest History (\$159.96 a year, total of 12 issues billed quarterly.) The circulation department likes magazine subscriptions to start in January. Susan would like the Friends to pay for magazine subscriptions directly. She is open to suggestions for new magazine subscriptions. Lastly, the new library App

is up and running. It is entitled Stanislaus County Library and is available through the App Store or Google Play.

**President's Report:** Marcie handed out copies of revisions to our procedures. She reminded us that our next book sale will be held on October 21, 22 and 23, 2025. Set up will be on October 20th at 1:00 pm. Shifts to work will be 9:30 am until 1:30pm, and 1:30 pm until 5 pm.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 9, at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Guest, Secretary